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Contractors lacked permit, licence: City

Building, nearby businesses emptied as officials determine what chemicals, if any, remain in the air ◐ True North could be fined $250 for operating without a licence

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The company responsible for a hazmat incident at a downtown Vancouver condo tower did not have a permit to work on the site and does not have a business licence, the city said yesterday.

Residents at the Electra Building were forced from their homes on the weekend after contractors with True North improperly mixed a foam compound, releasing toxic fumes.

"We're trying to determine whether the scope of the work ... (necessitated) a permit," said Will Johnson, with the city.

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▶ Team Canada's co-captain Ian Chan gets knocked over as he crosses the goal line at the Richmond Olympic Oval yesterday. Story, page 3.

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Championship. Murderball

Rocking rugby rolls into Richmond

The 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championship got underway in Richmond yesterday. Canada, ranked No. 3 in the world, defeated No. 9-ranked Great Britain 48-41 in their opening match. The tournament continues until Sunday.

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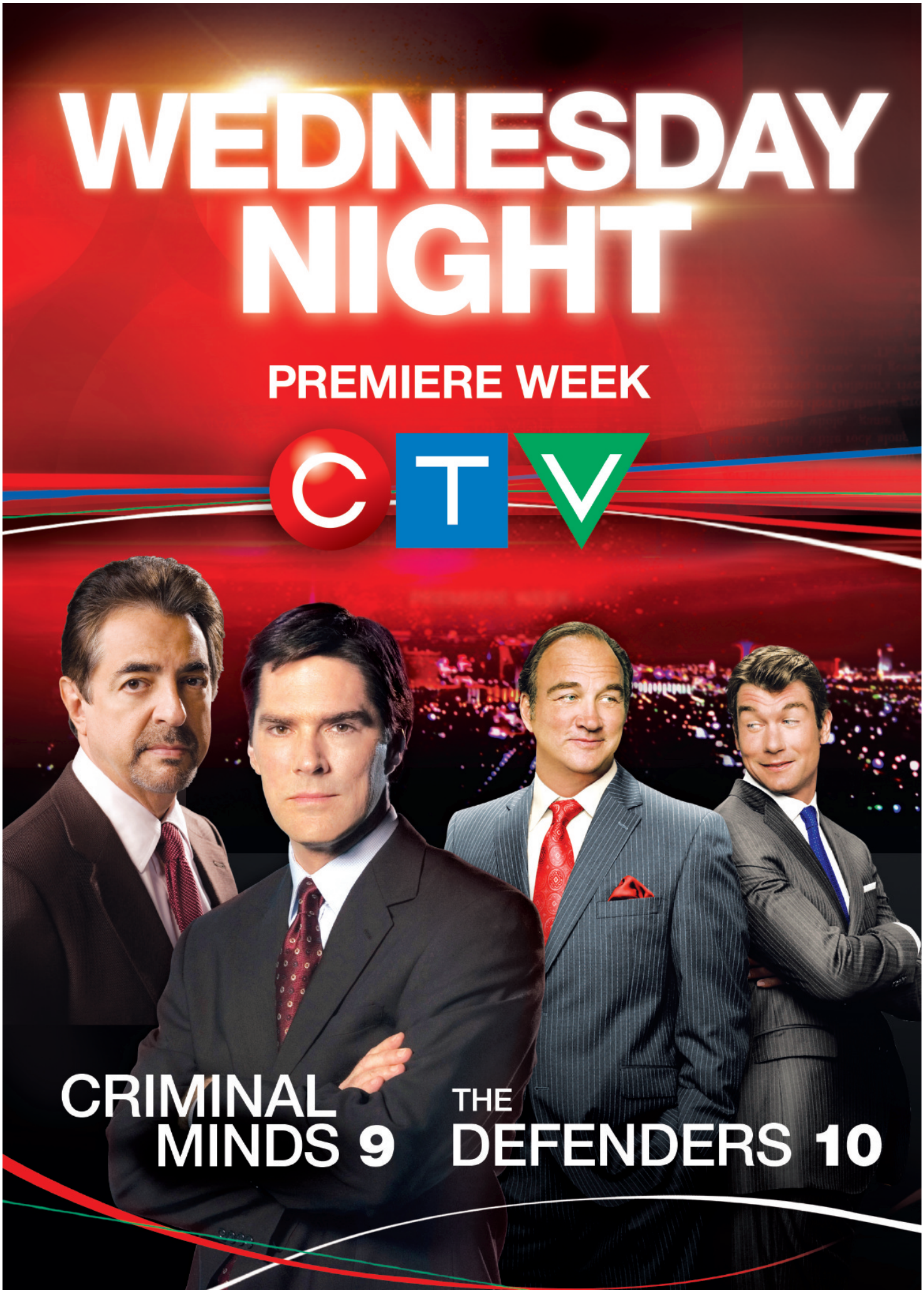
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Rugby rolls into Richmond Oval

Tickets still available to World Wheelchair Rugby Championships, at Richmond Oval until Sunday

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Canada's wheelchair rugby team will draw on their conditioning and depth of talent as they try to roll the world's best wheelchair rugby players off the court in Richmond this weekend.

"We like to run an attack offence and play hard defence," said coach Kevin Orr, following the team's 48-41 win over Great Britain yesterday during the opening match of the 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships.

"We feel that our conditioning is stronger than teams here and we definitely have the deepest bench."

Eleven of Canada's 12 players saw game action against the Brits at the Richmond Olympic Oval yesterday. Orr, the former coach of Team USA, said the depth of talent speaks to a greater awareness of the sport in Canada, where it originated.

"It was a blast," said co-captain David Willsie about playing before the energized hometown crowd, which included 11 of his family members who flew from Ontario to watch.

"I've played seven major international tournaments with Paralympics and World Championships and to be on home soil with the crowd behind us ... I'm jacked right now."

"When you can get out there and smack some metal with the guys ... it's a lot of fun for the fans."
DAVID WILLSIE
TEAM CANADA CO-CAPTAIN

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▶ Canada's Travis Murao, right, battles Troye Collins of Great Britain in the opening match of the 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships.

Raising (money with) the roof

The B.C. Sports Hall of Fame is selling 999 pieces of B.C. Place's original roof.

The pieces come in decorative boxes and are autographed by former B.C. Lions Lui Passaglia and Whitecaps president Bobby Lenarduzzi.

The PNE bought the first piece at an auction last week for $1,000.

"I think it's a perfect idea," said Mike McDaniel, president and CEO.

"You want to make sure when people dispose of some history that they can create ideas like this."

The pieces sell for $295 with proceeds going to the Hall of Fame's Hero in You program. They are available through the Hall of Fame's website.

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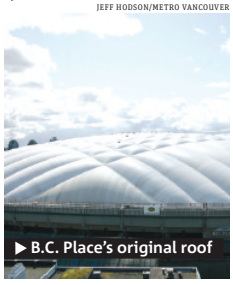

▶ B.C. Place's original roof

News in brief

Please do not feed the bears

NORTH SHORE. Conservation officers are warning North Shore residents not to feed bears after several sightings of a mother and two cubs. They may have to be put down if they get too close to people.

SARAH N. FITZGERALD

Wolverines, grizzlies at risk

REPORT. More than 1,900 species in B.C. are needlessly at risk of extinction because of lax conservation laws, says a study released yesterday by the David Suzuki Foundation.

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Hotel. Rally

▶ Room attendant Uttra Chand and her co-workers rally at noon yesterday in front of their workplace, the Hyatt Regency Vancouver hotel.

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Hyatt workers rally for wages

Chand asked would-be guests to stay away until the hotel improves workers' wages, medical and pension benefits, and enforces "reasonable" workloads. "After 34 years I'm retiring with only $307 a month," she said. "It is hard to pay for everyday needs." The workers' contract also expired on June 30. The protest is not expected to affect hotel guests.

Study finds only 12% of SROs affordable to welfare recipients

Group says SROs are the last stop before homelessness Advocates push for 5 lots a year

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Standing on the corner of Columbia and Cordova streets, Elaine Shepherd speaks out about being suddenly evicted from her single-occupancy room at the Balmoral Hotel.

With April's rent paid in full, she came home one day mid-month and discovered she'd been locked out of her room for no apparent reason.

"They didn't give me any notice ... they just locked me out."

With no money for alternative shelter, Shepherd ended up on the streets. And she isn't the only one finding rentals are too pricey. A report released yesterday by the Carnegie Community Action Project (CCAP) found only 12 per cent of 3,500 hotel rooms in the DTES are affordable to low-income people. This is down 17 per cent from 2009.

"More than half of all the privately owned rooms rent for over $425 a month, $50 more than a person on (social assistance) can afford," said one of the report's co-authors, Wendy Pedersen.

SROs

- **Rooms** 67 affordable rooms closed in last year.
- **Rents** Only two vacant hotel rooms renting for $375 or less.
- **Homelessness** 12 per cent in homelessness from 2008 to 2010.

Baby can still be reclaimed

The parents of a newborn baby recently dropped off at St. Paul's Angel's Cradle could reclaim the baby if they have a change of heart in the next six months, according to the Ministry of Children and Families.

The two-day-old infant is the first to be put in the bassinet — which allows mothers to anonymously give up unwanted babies — since the drop-off facility was launched at St. Paul's Hospital in May.

"Hospitals must notify the Ministry of Children and Family Development that a child has been abandoned," said Kelly Gleeson, Ministry communications director.

"The Ministry becomes the legal guardian of the infant."

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▶ Angel's Cradle at St. Paul's Hospital.

The birth mother has six months to come forward and ask for custody — if she wants it.

She would have to provide DNA to prove maternity.

KRISTEN THOMPSON

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Options

Aside from the Angel's Cradle, Vancouver mothers who don't want to keep their babies have other options:

- **Counselling** Contacting a crisis pregnancy centre for peer counselling.
- **Outreach** There are 45 outreach programs throughout B.C. that can help women with extra support during pregnancy.
- **Call** The Crisis Intervention Line is accessible in Vancouver at 604-872-3311 or at 1-888-661-3311.
- **Call** Mothers can surrender a baby to one of six licensed adoption agencies or any Ministry office.

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▶ Sindi Hawkins with her mother, sister and nephew in Stanley Park in 2006.

Ex-MLA Hawkins dies of cancer

Former Kelowna-Mission MLA Sindi Hawkins died yesterday after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Hawkins, 52, passed away in Calgary from acute myeloid leukemia. Her family was by her side. She was first diagnosed with the disease in 2004 and had received a bone marrow transplant from her sister Seema.

Hawkins spoke to Metro about the ordeal in 2006.

"The hardest part for me, as a child, was watching my mother suffer when she knew what I was going through ... I knew her heart was breaking and I felt helpless."

Hawkins, a former registered nurse, served as MLA for 13 years and included stints as Minister of Health Planning and Minister of State for Intergovernmental Affairs.

JEFF HODSON

News in brief

Suspect arrested after online date sting

CRIME. A man who made an online date with two 13-year-old girls was arrested in Vancouver when the dates turned out to be a police officer.

Investigators posing as teen girls set up a date with the suspect after receiving emails of a sexual nature.

Aaron Frederick Bourcier, 33, was arrested Sept.14 and charged with attempting to lure children under 14 via the Internet, and for possession of child pornography.

He was granted bail and returns to court Sept. 27.

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Change of Hours at Vancouver Animal Control Services

Starting September 27, the Vancouver Animal Control Services office has new public hours for weekday operations:

Monday to Friday: 10 am to 6 pm
Adoption viewing: 12 to 6 pm

Saturday and Sunday (unchanged): 8:30 am to 4 pm
Adoption viewing: 10 am to 4 pm

Staff will continue to maintain a high level of animal care at the facility. The hours for Animal Control officers are unchanged, and they will still be on the road from 8 am to 10 pm, seven days a week to serve the city.

FOR INFO: vancouver.ca/animalcontrol or 311

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▶ Sadhu Johnston, deputy city manager, speaks to media about the Electra Building evacuation outside St. Andrew's Church on Burrard Street yesterday.

Businesses in limbo wait for Electra to reopen

Nearly 170 residents have been put up in nearby hotels Roughly 150 businesses and employees, as well as one school, also remain locked out

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Businesses operating out of the Electra Building are scrambling to keep up with work after being locked out of the building — and their offices — because of an ongoing hazmat incident.

Staff at Go To Productions, which is working on a TV show that airs its first episode on Shaw on Friday, is producing the program from their iPhones at a Starbucks down the street.

"Our business is in the basement and we can't access any of our files," said Ross Huguet. "We have 15 employees and no one can work."

Armida McDougall owns a suite in the Electra and is worried that chemicals may have permeated the walls and fabrics.

"It's a question of what it's done to the building," McDougall said. "I'm in real estate. How will I ever sell anything in there again?"

Oliver, who didn't want his last name printed, is a resident of the building and said he thought the evacuation is "a bunch of smoke" and that there's probably nothing to be concerned about.

"Vancouver is paranoid about health issues ... and sometimes it just disrupts peoples' lives."

Chemical fallout

- Environmental testing began at the Electra Building yesterday to determine what chemicals may have been emitted.
- It's unlikely that short-term exposure to the chemicals will have had any long-term effects on residents, according to Dr. Reka Gustafson with Vancouver Coastal Health.
- The province's Emergency Social Services Program is putting residents up in nearby hotels, and providing them with food and clothing until tomorrow. The program may be extended.
- Businesses affected by the evacuation aren't covered by the program and will have to rely on insurance to cover the costs of disrupting work.

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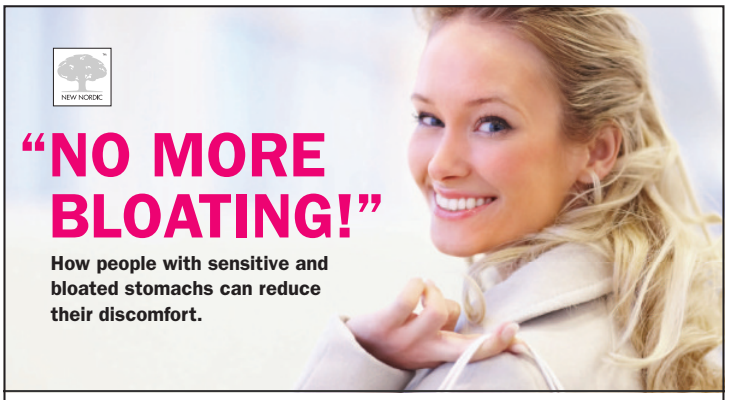

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I didn't know why ...

"For the longest time I thought something was wrong with my digestion – maybe a gluten allergy. I tried eliminating certain foods, but that didn't really work.

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▶ Storm drains in St. John's were unable to cope with hurricane Igor's heavy rains.

Igor batters N.L.

- At least 30 communities declare state of emergency
- Premier plans to visit affected areas today

Hurricane Igor ripped across eastern Newfoundland yesterday with a savagery that forced flooded, wind-battered towns to declare states of emergency, isolating some communities as rivers overflowed and roads washed away.

Police were investigating reports that an 80-year-old man was swept out to sea when the road beneath him collapsed in the Random Island area, about 100 kilometres northwest of St. John's.

The RCMP said only local residents were able to search the area because of impassable roads. Officers and the coast guard weren't able to access the island because air and sea travel were also impossible due to the fierce storm.

"It appears we have a very serious situation on our hands," Premier Danny Williams said.

Officials at the Canadian Hurricane Centre downgraded Igor to a post-tropical storm by yesterday afternoon, but it was still packing hurricane winds in excess of 150 km/h.

The centre said that 238 millimetres of rain fell in St. Lawrence by late afternoon and a peak wind gust of 163 km/h was recorded at Sagona Island on the province's south coast.

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Authorities seize millions from Vatican bank account

EMANUELA DE MEO/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Ettore Gotti Tedeschi

Italian authorities seized $23 million from a Vatican bank account yesterday and said they have begun investigating top officials of the Vatican bank in connection with a money-laundering probe.

The Vatican said it was "perplexed and surprised" by the investigation.

Italian financial police seized the money as a precaution, and prosecutors placed the Vatican bank's chairman, Ettore Gotti Tedeschi, and its director general under investigation for alleged mistakes linked to violations of Italy's anti-laundering laws, news reports said.

The investigation is not the first trouble for the bank. In the 1980s, it was involved in a major scandal that resulted in a banker, dubbed "God's Banker" because of his close ties to the Vatican, being found hanging from Blackfriars Bridge in London.

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Twitter hacked

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▶ The hack only affected Twitter.com users.

A new way to cause mischief quickly spread through short-messaging service Twitter yesterday morning before the site could fix the problem, as mysterious "tweets" of blocked-out text propagated themselves and caused popup windows to open.

Early yesterday, Twitter said on its "safety" feed on the site that the attack had been shut down. It also said it does not believe that any user information was compromised.

The hack had been extra nefarious because the tweets activated without being clicked on — it was enough for web surfers to move their mouse cursors over them. But it only affected visitors to Twitter.com. Various third-party programs used to send and read tweets were unaffected.

The popups could have contained, though didn't necessarily contain, malicious code that could take over poorly protected computers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Donation. Bell

▶ Olympian Clara Hughes is acting as a spokesperson for mental-health issues.

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Bell donation to mental health

Bell president and CEO George Cope met with Canadian Olympic athlete Clara Hughes prior to an announcement in Ottawa, yesterday. Bell is donating $50 million over five years to support mental-health programs in Canada.

Market moment

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LONG AND SHORT OF CANADIAN POLITICS

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

The House of Commons is back in session and it's very exciting. Not.

MPs are debating whether or not to keep the long-census form and the long-gun registry.

There's a theme at work here. If it's long, it's on the agenda. At least I can't see any other reason for the petty preoccupations of this government.

I've been around a long (there's that word again) time and I can't remember when Canadian politics was as lame as it is now. Pierre Trudeau once went to the polls on "The Land is Strong" (not long) and was rightly trounced. He had already set the bar pretty high with: "The state has no place in the bedrooms of the nation," and "The Land is Strong" was a disappointing sequel.

Nonetheless, compared to the stupefyingly pointless debate over the long-form census, it's vintage Winston Churchill.

Our prime minister seems to think Canadians believe that the right to bear unregistered long guns should be enshrined in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. And while we're at it, we don't need no stinking long forms.

I have news for you Mr. Harper: Canadians don't care!

They do care about the small stuff like health care and education, but they're not long, so I guess that's why they're not on the agenda

The long-gun registry is on today's agenda. I could save a lot of greenhouse gas and solve it in 15 seconds. The Canadian Association of the Chiefs of Police says it helps fight crime. That's good enough for me. Next?

"As for the stupid form, only a nation of bureaucrats would argue about a census form."

As for the stupid form, only a nation of bureaucrats would argue about a census form. And Trudeau said the state had no place in the bedrooms of the nation. He was completely silent on counting the bedrooms of the nation.

So where's my pencil? Count me in!

These twin follies are just the tip of the iceberg. Our nation's future leaders can't afford higher education, which means we have another generation of right honourable doofuses in the making. Instead, the government wants to spend about $16 billion of our tax dollars on fighter jets since the Russians might violate our air space. Not sure why. To purchase duty free?

These must be short jets or else the government wouldn't want them. Just sayin'.

I keep hoping I'm just dreaming of an old Monty Python skit — the Ministry of Long Things or something, and I'll just wake up and everything will be relevant and meaningful again.

It will; won't it?

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

Reflect on that ticket

Worth mentioning

Drivers annoyed by parking tickets in Cambridge, Mass., are getting some calming advice from city officials — try yoga.

The city's parking tickets include instructions on the reverse on how to bend into some simple yoga positions.

The city, which is home to elite universities Harvard and MIT, printed 40,000 of the tickets as part of a public art project by artist-in-residence Daniel Peltz.

Peltz envisions "a reflection on a social situation, the human experience of giving and receiving parking tickets."

He emailed from Sweden: "I started this process by wondering what would happen in a world where I received them with a set of graceful postures: A clean bend at the waist, a gentle lift of the windshield wiper ... I'm going to get the ticket either way, my only choice really is how I'm going to receive it."

Susan Clippinger, the city's transportation chief, told the Boston Herald the purpose of the tickets is to "debunk the idea that all parking tickets are a hostile action."

Not everyone is buying it. Cambridge resident Hyunho Noh said "it's not working" as he showed up to pay a $25 ticket.

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Metro Minute with a 'living library'

Checking books out of the library is so yesterday. Today, the University of B.C. is kicking off its first "living library" where users can "check out and borrow" remarkable people to learn more about their lives.

The idea is to introduce people to a collection of individuals who come from different walks of life.

A user could sign up to talk to Afghani student Alyas Omeed, esteemed doctor Judith Hall or filmmaker Michael V. Smith.

The event runs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, 1961 East Mall.

The sign-up process begins at 9 a.m. For more, visit library.ubc.ca.

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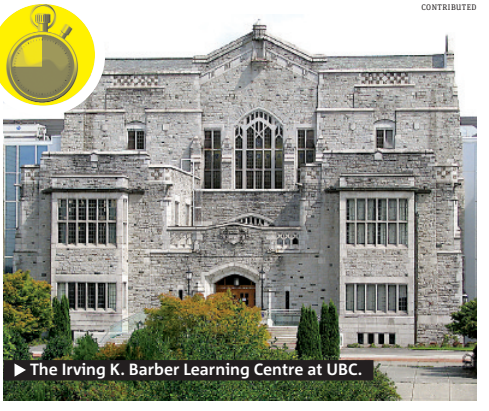

▶ The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at UBC.

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▶ Director Oliver Stone attends the premiere of Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps at the Ziegfeld Theatre

Walking Wall Street

Director Oliver Stone takes Metro through how he updated his new film Wall Street Talks about the impact of the real world Wall Street crisis

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Controversial movie director Oliver Stone is renowned for his hardline liberal views on American politics.

He has unflinchingly tackled raw events with films like World Trade Center and W but now he's taking on the men behind the world financial meltdown by revisiting a topic he covered over 20 years ago with his film Wall Street.

He spoke to Metro his timely sequel Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps.

How did you update Wall Street?

That's a 10-minute answer! Things like computers, globalization and the banking system on steroids. It's crazy. Banks were kind of dull back in the 1980s but by 2000 they had got into the debt business big time. They drove the economy into the toilet. We were living beyond our means, not just the banks, but the people, everyone.

Do the characters behave differently from those in the 1987 movie?

The old world was much more person-to-person. Now, you really basically trade with a computer. Also, you are in and out much faster. You don't take long-term positions and that's unfortunate. A lot of it is speculation. It's a short-term process: you grab it while it's hot.

The focus of the original movie ended up being on Gordon Gekko — who the public became fascinated with .

Michael Douglas was well aware of that and came back with a much bigger role than in the original. It's really a human drama with a background of Wall Street — same old problems with love, trust, greed and betrayal that we have always had in our history back not just 1987 but in 2008.

How difficult was it making a film about a crisis in the midst of that crisis?

The research was complex. I mean the concept of taking credit derivatives, all that new jargon, it's complicated. We didn't want to overdo it, so we had to simplify it. We have complicated stuff in that movie. The Federal Reserve Board scenes alone have never been done in film. It was taking a complex thesis to making it smaller and simpler but true to what happened, so I think if you look closely at the background, you will see the events of 2008 were echoed in the film.

On sequels

On why he's never made a sequel

"Don't call it a sequel If I wanted to do a real sequel, I would've done it in the '90s because most of the people would've remembered the original and I probably would've done it better. But I don't think you need to know the old film at all to appreciate it. The only leftover is Gekko and he establishes a new character from the very beginning."

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Douglas

Michael Douglas has channeled the confidence of ruthless corporate raider Gordon Gekko while walking the red carpet at the New York City premiere of his latest film, Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps. The Academy Award-winning actor recently announced he's being treated for throat cancer. and wasn't able to give interviews this week. His co-star, Shia LaBeouf, calls the 65-year-old Douglas a "wolf." He notes Douglas showed no signs of weakness while making the Wall Street sequel, which opens Friday. Director Oliver Stone says "it's a struggle" and "it's tough," but Douglas is "fighting." Douglas won an Oscar for playing Gekko in the original.
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Fall's flick picks

- This year's cinematic goodie bag will last you through 'till Christmas
- Metro also found this year's Black List of don't-even-bother films

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Spring's got the duds. Summer's got the blockbusters. Fall — probably in keeping with the myriad leafy colours of the season — brings in more mixed film fare.

So, here's the Metro list of what's hot and what's not in the world of movies for the chilly days ahead:

THE MEGA-MILLION-DOLLAR LIST:

Megamind (Nov. 5): After the disastrous Land of The Lost and the ho-hum The Other Guys, Will Ferrell needs a hit. And this animated send-up of superhero movies might just have the mainstream super-strength to save the day for the comedy star.

Due Date (Nov. 5): It's a Todd Phillips (The Hangover director) movie. It's a Robert Downey Jr. and Zach Galifianakis movie.

No reason why Warner Bros. shouldn't be laughing all the way to the bank with this one.

Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (Nov. 10): Only the boy wizard and his Hogwarts mates can take on the box-office might of Toy Story 3 and Inception — two of 2010's biggest hits.

ALSO SEE: Tron: Legacy, Paranormal Activity 2

THE ACADEMY LIST:

The Social Network (Oct. 1): Will uptight Academy voters "like" the new media phenom? Early critical buzz for the David Fincher film points to some serious nomination damage.

127 Hours (Nov. 5): It's a Danny "Slumdog Millionaire" Boyle movie all right but all the praise around this true tale of a trapped hiker has been heaped on star James Franco.

Black Swan (Dec. 3): If blogs are to be believed, Natalie Portman has the Best Actress Oscar locked down for her turn as a tortured ballet dancer in Darren Aronofosky's follow-up to The Wrestler.

ALSO SEE: Hereafter, True Grit, The King's Speech

THE ALTERNATIVE LIST:

The Girl Who Kicked The Hornet's Nest (Oct. 15): Girl wonder Lisbeth Salander's harrowing journey comes to an end in the final installment of the Millennium Trilogy.

Fubar 2 (Oct. 1): The Canadian cult classic about two Calgary headbangers returns with a bigger budget but the spirit of improvised buffoonery remains intact.

Catfish (limited release): Is it a documentary? True or not, this may be this year's biggest leftfield hit.

ALSO SEE: Jack Goes Boating, Jackass 3-D, The Tempest

The Black List

- **Saw 3-D.** You knew this was coming. Maybe this will be so revolting that it will turn viewers off 3-D once and for all (now that's wishful thinking).
- **Burlesque.** Christina Aguilera goes the Britney Spears and Mariah Carey route. That can't be good news.
- **Little Fockers.** Some things just don't sound right. Or funny.

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▶ Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1

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NHL pre-season starts up this week! What team do think is going to take The Stanley Cup?

@CarlyJGallant hopefully the Habs!

@jess4002 i'm going to say the Washington Capitals - strong team and they've done great the past few years during the regular season.

@McGhie09 Of course I want the Flames to win!! But the Capitals are looking good.

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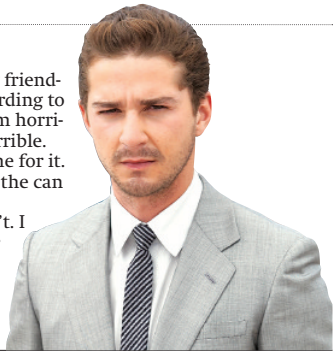
Talking points

Don't call Shia green

ENVIRONMENT. Shia LaBeouf admits that he isn't that green. "I'm gonna be honest with you, I'm not environmentally friendly," he says, according to Showbiz Spy. "I'm horrible, horrible, horrible. My mom hates me for it. Sometimes I put the can in the right bin, sometimes I don't. I have to be better about it, I know, and I'm sorry, world." METRO



Hugh Jackman's chopper gets electrified

Authorities say a helicopter used in the filming of the Hugh Jackman movie Real Steel snagged a power line in Michigan, causing a brief power outage and closing a roadway.

Huron County Sheriff Kelly J. Hanson told the Huron Daily Tribune of Bad Axe that no injuries were reported after the Sunday evening incident in Huron County's Sheridan Township, about 90 miles north of Detroit.

Hanson says the helicopter was equipped with a front-mounted camera. Hanson says the helicopter hooked the electrical wire, then seemed to have "directional control issues" before safely flying away. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Hugh Jackman.

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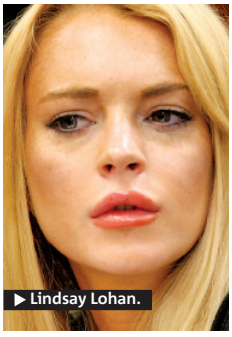
No lockup for Lohan

Officials at Los Angeles County Superior Court say a bench warrant was issued Monday for Lohan. However, authorities say Lohan won't be taken into custody pending the court hearing Friday.

Lohan confirmed on her Twitter page last week that she failed a court-ordered drug and alcohol screening.

A judge had threatened her with 30 days in jail for each probation violation.

Lohan spent two weeks in jail this year after violating probation stemming from convictions involving her 2007 arrests for drug use and driving under the influence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

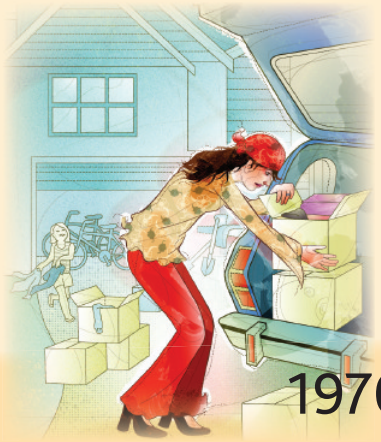


▶ Lindsay Lohan.

Celebrity tweets

Lance Armstrong [@lancearmstrong] I've decided it's not that HOT here. However it is miserably HUMID.

Slash [@slash] Its been brought to my attention the Ernest Borgnine is the voice of "Mermaid man." I thought he looked & sounded just like him.



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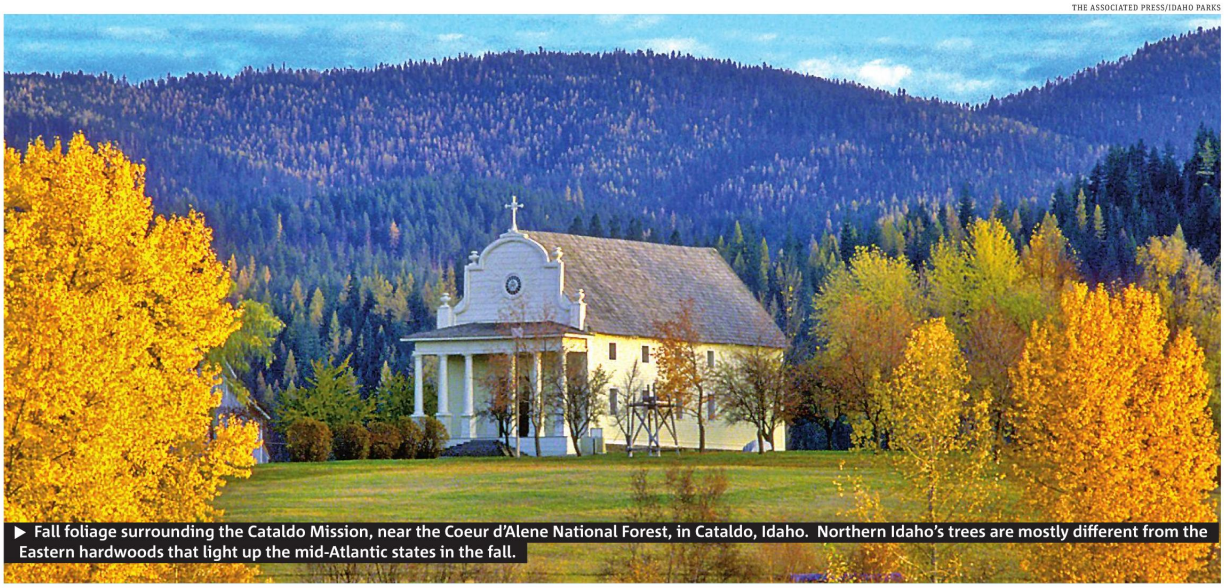

▶ Fall foliage surrounding the Cataldo Mission, near the Coeur d'Alene National Forest, in Cataldo, Idaho. Northern Idaho's trees are mostly different from the Eastern hardwoods that light up the mid-Atlantic states in the fall.

A magical canopy of colour in Idaho

Fall foliage defies idea that autumn colour is something only found in the East ◐ A stunning riot of yellow, deep green and bright gold greet you

In this age of big-box stores, Sandpoint, in northern Idaho, offers the little box: The labyrinthine used bookstore, the coffee shop with a sagging couch and a pile of magazines, and a family-owned pharmacy and tool store that sells rubber bands, wheelchairs, birdseed, and dolls.

Just an hour south of the Canadian border, tiny Sandpoint (population 7,000) offers another counterpoint to prevailing perceptions as well, by defying the idea that fall foliage is something you only find in the eastern United States.

Northern Idaho's trees are mostly different from the eastern hardwoods that light up the mid-Atlantic states in the fall.

The mountains are dominated by evergreens, but they have some deciduous species such as quaking aspen, cottonwood and willow. Just as in the East, the trees here also display a stunning mix of colour as winter approaches.

The western larch, also called the tamarack, turns a bright gold as its needles drop to the ground.

Then there's the muted green of sage-covered hills with splashes of purple or yellow wildflowers and the round yellow leaves of the aspens glimmer like a basket of gold coins.

Chic Burge, a photographer who works in a store called Camera Corral in nearby town Coeur d'Alene, leads foliage hiking tours in the mountains along the border of Idaho and Montana, where colour peaks at the end of September and first half of October.

Idaho's culture is rooted in natural resources like agriculture, logging and mining, and the region's fall festivals make the most of those roots.

Fall visitors are just in time to see sheep herders moving the sheep down to lower pastures for the winter — the basis for Sun Valley's popular Trailing of the Sheep festival, which falls on Oct. 8 to 10 this years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you go ...

The West also has something lacking in most Eastern states: Space to enjoy the landscape on your own, or in the company of some cattle or sheep.

Getting there: The nearest large city to northern Idaho is Spokane, Wash. Its airport is served by a half-dozen airlines, including Southwest and Delta. Or take a ride on Amtrak's Empire Builder between Chicago and Seattle.

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A better ride

Universal Orlando is tweaking an attraction to ensure even guests with bellies can enjoy the park's most popular Harry Potter ride.

After taking heat from guests too big to squeeze in, the company said Monday it has started making Harry Potter and the Forbidden Journey more accessible. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Wales' beach invasion

Freshwater West Beach in south west Wales has somehow got onto Hollywood's A-list In recent months both Robin Hood and Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows have been filmed here Paul Baldwin takes a look

When hundreds of horsemen show up to the beach, the mood is sure to be spoiled.

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You know how annoying it can be.

You've just laid out your towel, factor 30'd-up, put your new shades on, and you're just getting to a juicy bit in your trashy novel when suddenly thousands of marauding horsemen and hundreds of French longboatmen intent on murder, rape and plunder go and spoil the mood.

At least that's how it was at Freshwater West Beach in Wales when movie director Ridley Scott rocked-up (with superstars Russell Crowe, William Hurt, and Cate Blanchet in tow) to film the major battle scenes for Robin Hood.

The movie, which has just been released on DVD, is dripping with Scott's famous attention to detail, and over two weeks the beach (and the locals) witnessed film-making on a truly epic scale.

Student Marlon Godfrey, who lives in nearby market town Narberth, said: "It was unbelievable. My friends and I would come out here at the crack of dawn and watch the film being made.

"Normally nothing like this happens in this part of Wales, but we've had Harry Potter being filmed here too."

But after a long day putting French invaders to the sword how do legendary mythical heroes unwind?

Well Crowe, who plays Robin Hood, set up a caravan and threw endless barbecues. You can take the boy out of Australia…

But the more discerning Blanchett (Maid Marion) Hurt (the hapless William Marshall) and of course A-list director Scott headed for The Grove, a gorgeous 18th century country house close to Narberth which has been painstakingly restored to former glories by owners Neil Kedward and Zoe Agar.

The Grove offers both nine traditional bedrooms and three beautifully appointed suites. A little further across the 26 acres of painstakingly tended gardens are four converted stone cottages with oak kitchens and wood burning stoves. These can be self-catering and visitors can even help themselves to produce from the seasonal country garden.

The whole thing is set in a small hollow on a hillside with stunning views of Narberth and the Preseli Hills and the deliciousness of the setting is only met by the food served in the restaurant. The breakfast is a gem — if you can steer yourself away from the traditional Welsh breakfast try the homemade toasted crumpets with blueberries and Greek natural yoghurt or the creamed smoked haddock and parmesan omelette.

Neil says The Grove is no stranger to celebrity guests but the cast of Robin Hood was a bit special.

"To have to remain completely cool and professional even though Cate Blanchett was in the bar was difficult!" he adds.

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A number of Canadian bakeries are turning to Red Fife wheat to augment their artisanal methods.

One such baker is Andrea Damon Gibson, a pastry chef.

A friend of theirs whose cousin is a farmer agreed to grow Heritage Red Fife wheat for the couple on his farm.

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"We have found quite a demand for whole-grain breads and other baked goods because of their health benefits and extra fibre," she says. "There are a lot of flours out there that have added some bran to white flour and call it whole wheat and it is not."

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2. Pour about 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the batter onto hot waffle iron, spreading evenly. Cook according to manufacturer's instructions.
3. Serve immediately with warmed maple syrup, sliced peaches and wild blueberries.

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Ingredients:

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- 2 ml (10 tsp) baking soda
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) brown sugar
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 1 large egg
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Dr. Jane Thompson, Executive Director of the TD Scholarship for Community Leadership program has met some incredibly dedicated students throughout her years working on the program, and has witnessed the impact the scholarships have had on their educational careers. Her advice? Apply, apply, and apply!

Dr. Thompson recommends the following tips for submitting a stellar application:

- Write clearly and concisely — let your accomplishments shine through.
- Consider the big picture — how have your actions impacted others?
- Apply early — don't risk accidentally missing the deadline.
- Read the requirements carefully — ensure you don't miss anything.

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How to apply

- **Interested applicants** applicants for the 2011 awards program must currently be in their final year of high school.
- **Applications will be** available online after September 1 and at high schools and CEGEPs (in Quebec) after September 20. All completed applications must be received no later than Oct. 31, 2010.
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Better grades start with parental input

Heading back to school is an important milestone for children.

Soon it'll be a month into the school year, and the entire household will have settled back into school routines. But now isn't the time to relax — in fact, the next milestone is approaching quickly and it can be stressful for families: the first report card.

According to Dr. Nick Whitehead, founder and CEO of Oxford Learning, the first report card, while important, is not the final word on your child's academic potential.

"Parents should consider the first report card as a check-up on how children are adjusting to the new school year," he said. "It's a tool to help parents identify subjects and behaviours that may be trouble spots for the rest of the year."

Dr. Whitehead also recommends that parents don't wait until the first report card to see how their children are progressing.

In order to prevent unpleasant report card surprises, Dr. Whitehead says that parents should be involved in their kids' schooling from the first day of class. NEWS CANADA

Start early, save more

New parents should consider investing as soon as possible to capitalize on tax and financial advantages

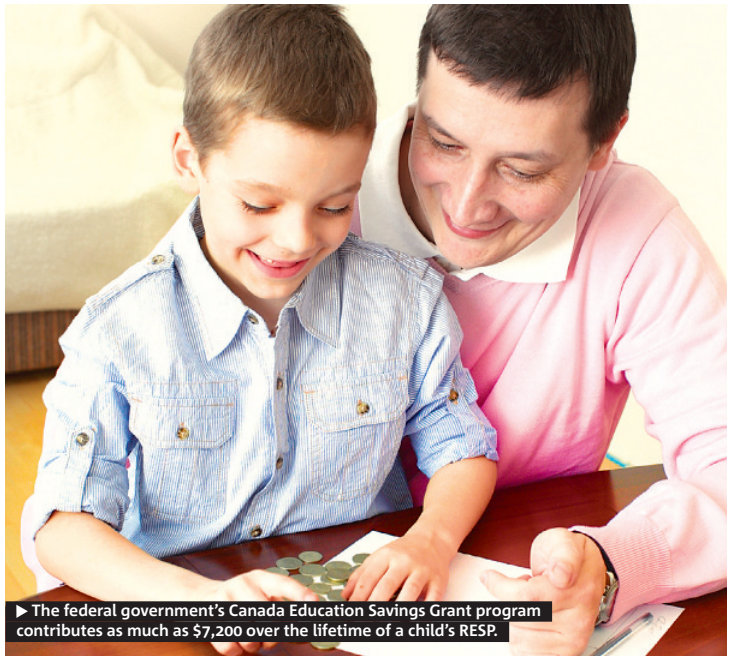
One of the first things that new parents or grandparents should do is to open an RESP (Registered Education Savings Plan) for their child.

When your life is focused on diapers, feedings and getting your infant to sleep through the night, university is not exactly top of mind. But, this is actually the ideal time to start saving. A report by TD Economics estimated that by 2027, the cost of a four-year undergraduate degree will be more than $100,000.

"If you start saving early, there are many tax and financial advantages on your side," says Carrie Russell, senior vice president at TD Canada Trust. "Like Registered Retirement Savings Plans, investment gains inside RESPs are tax sheltered and represent one of the best tax breaks out there — you end up with more money and pay less tax."

Here's how it works:

You open an RESP in your child's name and make contributions. The investment earnings in the RESP are sheltered, meaning you don't need to pay tax. When your child goes to post-secondary school, they can withdraw money as Educational Assistance Payments and that money is taxed at their rate. They are likely in a low tax bracket at that stage, so all the money from the RESP is subject to little or no tax.



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The government will help:

The federal government's Canada Education Savings Grant program contributes as much as $7,200 over the lifetime of a child's RESP. The basic CESG contribution is 20 per cent of the first $2,500 contributed annually to an RESP, but the amount of the grant each year depends on your income level — lower household incomes benefit from increased support.

Get started:

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Hospitality Management Diploma Saturday, Sept. 25, 11 a.m. – room 420	Downtown
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TESOL Tuesday, Oct. 5, noon – room 526	Downtown
English as a Second Language Wednesday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m. – room 5025	Broadway
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▶ Calgary's Jon Rheault and Cory Schneider follow the puck last night in Vancouver.

Flurry of goals down Canucks

Calgary strikes fast in 3rd period to hand Canucks a home loss on first day of NHL pre-season

Vancouver's other split-squad in Calgary also takes an L

3	1
FLAMES	CANUCKS

Rene Bourque and Staffan Kronwall scored on the first two shots of the third period last night as the Calgary Flames beat the Vancouver Canucks 3-1 in a split-squad pre-season game.

They were also the first two shots on goaltender David Shantz who played 30 games last season for the Abbotsford Heat, Calgary's AHL farm club.

Bourque greeted Shantz, who relieved Cory Schneider to start the third period, with a wrist shot off the right wing that went by the netminder's glove 28 seconds into the frame.

Kronwall, who played 11 games on the Flames blueline last season, banged a power-play chance through Shantz's legs one minute and four seconds later.

Niklas Hagman also scored for the Flames, who finished 10th in the Western Conference last season and missed the playoffs.

Raffi Torres counted for the Canucks on a third-period power play by tapping in a loose puck after goalie Matt Keetley made the initial save on a Sergei Shirokov shot.

Henrik Karlsson, who played for Farjestad of the Swedish Elite League last season and is expected to back up Miikka Kiprusoff this campaign, made 12 saves to blank the Canucks for 40 minutes.

Schneider, slated to back up Roberto Luongo in goal, made 17 saves in his 40 minutes of work.

There were few quality chances as both teams iced diluted lineups because of the split-squad format. The other half of both teams were in Calgary, where the Flames beat the Canucks 3-2.

Defencemen Kevin Bieksa and Aaron Rome and fourth-liner Rick Rypien were the only Canucks in the lineup who saw significant action with the club last season.

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Jays get win, but No. 50 eludes Bautista

5	3
BLUE JAYS	MARINERS

The Toronto Blue Jays hit three home runs yesterday, none of them No. 50 for Jose Bautista.

So no milestone moment on this night, although the blasts by Vernon Wells, Edwin Encarnacion and Travis Snider were plenty for starter Marc Rzepczynski in a 5-3 victory over the dreadful Seattle Mariners.

While Bautista remained stuck at 49 in his bid to become the 26th player in big-league history to reach the 50-homer plateau, the Blue Jays (76-74) moved a step closer toward securing a .500-or-better season before a crowd of 12,158.

They did it against a woefully limp lineup, as the nine Mariners (57-93) in the batting order had a combined 44 home runs, five less than Bautista. Beyond the top three of Ichiro Suzuki, Chone Figgins and Jose Lopez, their hitters were non-factors.

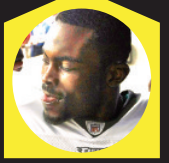
Suzuki was 4-for-4 with a walk, moving within three hits of 200 for a record 10th consecutive season. Figgins had two hits and an RBI, while Lopez added RBI singles in the first and fifth innings.

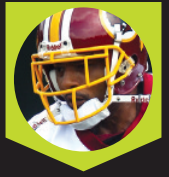
Rzepczynski (2-4), earned his first win since Aug. 13. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 sports

Up and down

Michael Vick
He has been named the Philadelphia Eagles' starting quarterback, a day after coach Andy Reid said it was Kevin Kolb's job.





Larry Johnson
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EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	92	59	.609	—	—	5-5	W-2	51-25	41-34
Tampa Bay	89	61	.593	2½	—	4-6	L-3	46-29	43-32
Boston	83	68	.550	9	6½	5-5	L-2	43-34	40-34
Toronto	76	74	.507	15½	13	4-6	W-1	40-33	36-41
Baltimore	61	90	.404	31	28½	7-3	W-3	34-43	27-47

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Minnesota	91	60	.603	—	—	8-2	W-2	51-25	40-35
Chicago	79	72	.523	12	10½	1-9	L-8	40-34	39-38
Detroit	76	75	.503	15	13½	5-5	L-1	48-29	28-46
Kansas City	62	88	.413	28½	27	5-5	W-1	34-40	28-48
Cleveland	62	89	.411	29	27½	4-6	L-3	32-42	30-47

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	83	67	.553	—	—	6-4	L-3	48-26	35-41
Oakland	76	74	.507	7	13	6-4	W-3	46-30	30-44
Los Angeles	75	76	.497	8½	14½	7-3	W-3	40-34	35-42
Seattle	57	93	.380	26	32	2-8	L-1	35-42	22-51

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	91	61	.599	—	—	9-1	W-9	50-27	41-34
Atlanta	86	66	.566	5	—	5-5	L-2	52-23	34-43
Florida	75	75	.500	15	10	4-6	W-2	37-39	38-36
New York	74	77	.490	16½	11½	5-5	L-4	44-30	30-47
Washington	63	88	.417	27½	22½	3-7	W-1	36-37	27-51

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Cincinnati	86	66	.566	—	—	5-5	W-2	45-30	41-36
St. Louis	77	73	.513	8	8	4-6	L-2	46-28	31-45
Houston	73	78	.483	12½	12½	6-4	L-1	41-37	32-41
Milwaukee	69	81	.460	16	16	4-6	L-3	36-40	33-41
Chicago	68	82	.453	17	17	8-2	L-1	33-43	35-39
Pittsburgh	52	98	.347	33	33	5-5	W-4	37-39	15-59

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Francisco	85	66	.563	—	—	6-4	W-2	45-30	40-36
San Diego	84	66	.560	½	1	5-5	W-1	42-32	42-34
Colorado	82	68	.547	2½	3	6-4	L-2	51-24	31-44
Los Angeles	73	78	.483	12	12½	4-6	L-1	42-34	31-44
Arizona	60	91	.397	25	25½	3-7	W-1	36-40	24-51

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Last night's results
Toronto 5 Seattle 3
Kansas City 9 Detroit 6
N.Y. Yankees 8 Tampa Bay 3
Baltimore 9 Boston 1
Minnesota 6 Cleveland 4
Oakland 7 Chicago White Sox 2
L.A. Angels 2 Texas 0
Monday's results
Detroit 7 Kansas City 5
N.Y. Yankees 8 Tampa Bay 6
Baltimore 4 Boston 2
Minnesota 9 Cleveland 3
Oakland 3 Chicago White Sox 0
L.A. Angels 7 Texas 4
Today's games
(All times Eastern)
Cleveland (C.Carrasco 1-0) at Minnesota (Blackburn 9-10), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (E.Jackson 3-2) at Oakland (Bre.Anderson 6-6), 3:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Davies 8-10) at Detroit (Scherzer 11-10), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (W.Davis 12-9) at N.Y. Yankees (A.J.Burnett 10-13), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Pauley 2-8) at Toronto (Drabek 0-1), 7:07 p.m.
Baltimore (Millwood 3-15) at Boston (Lackey 12-11), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (C.Wilson 14-7) at L.A. Angels (Haren 3-4), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Last night's results
Philadelphia 5 Atlanta 3
Washington 8 Houston 4
Pittsburgh 5 St. Louis 2
Florida 5 N.Y. Mets 2
San Francisco 1 Chicago Cubs 0
Cincinnati 4 Milwaukee 3
Arizona 3 Colorado 1
San Diego 6 L.A. Dodgers 0
Monday's results
Florida 4 St. Louis 0
Philadelphia 3 Atlanta 1
Houston 8 Washington 2
Cincinnati 5 Milwaukee 2
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Atlanta (Hanson 10-11) at Philadelphia (Oswalt 13-13), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (W.Rodriguez 11-12) at Washington (Marquis 2-9), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Lohse 4-7) at Pittsburgh (Morton 1-11), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Niese 9-9) at Florida (Sanabia 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Sanchez 11-8) at Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 7-13), 8:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 12-5) at Milwaukee (Ra.Wolf 12-11), 8:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jimenez 19-6) at Arizona (R.Lopez 6-14), 9:40 p.m.
San Diego (Stauffer 4-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 8-11), 10:10 p.m.

WILD CARD

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	89	61	.593	-
Boston	83	68	.550	6.5
Chi White Sox	79	72	.523	10.5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	86	66	.566	-
San Diego	83	66	.557	1.5
Colorado	82	67	.550	2.5
St. Louis	77	73	.513	8.0
Florida	75	75	.500	10.0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 5, MARINERS 3

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
ISuzuki rf	4	2	4	0	Snider lf	4	1	1	2
Figgins 2b	3	0	2	1	YEscor ss	4	0	0	0
JoLopz dh	5	0	2	2	JBautst rf	4	1	2	0
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Lngrhn lf	4	0	0	0	Overay 1b	2	0	0	0
AMoore c	3	0	1	0	J.Buck c	4	0	2	0
MSndrs cf	4	0	0	0	A.Hill 2b	4	0	0	0
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Seattle						
French L,4-6	7	7	5	5	1	2
Olson	1	1	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Rzepczynski W,2-4	6 1-3	7	2	2	3	8
Camp H,12	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
S.Downs H,23	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gregg S,34-39	1	3	1	1	0	1

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NHL

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Ottawa 5 Toronto 0
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Florida 4 Carolina 1
Columbus 5 Atlanta 2
Colorado 3 St. Louis 1
Tampa Bay 4 Dallas 3
x-Calgary 3 Vancouver 2
x-Calgary 3 Vancouver 1
Phoenix 4 Anaheim 1
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Ottawa at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Chicago vs. Tampa Bay (at Winnipeg), 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

BETTING

PRO LINE LOTTERY ODDS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22

No.	SPT	VIS	HOME	V+	V	T	H	H+	O	#	U
50	BBL	CWS	OAK	2.5	2.1	3	1.45	1.75	—	—	—
51	BBL	ATL	PHI	2.4	2	3	1.5	1.8	—	—	—
52	BBL	HOU	WAS	1.9	1.6	2.8	1.8	2.2	1.8	8.5	1.6
53	BBL	KC	DET	3.25	2.65	3.2	1.25	1.4	1.8	8.5	1.6
54	BBL	STL	PIT	1.9	1.6	2.8	1.8	2.2	1.8	9.5	1.6
55	BBL	TB	NYY	2.2	1.8	2.8	1.6	1.9	1.6	9.5	1.8
56	BBH	CRAW	RCAN	2.4	2.2	3	2	2.2	—	—	—
57	BBL	SEA	TOR	2.5	2.1	3	1.45	1.75	1.6	8.5	1.8
58	BBL	BAL	BOS	2.6	2.2	3	1.4	1.7	1.8	9.5	1.6
59	BBL	NYM	FLA	2.1	1.75	2.75	1.65	2	1.8	8.5	1.6
60	BBL	SF	CHIC	2	1.65	2.75	1.75	2.1	—	—	—
61	BBL	CIN	MIL	1.9	1.6	2.8	1.8	2.2	1.8	8.5	1.6
62	BBH	JVOT	FIEL	2	1.8	3.4	2.4	2.8	—	—	—
63	BBL	COL	ARZ	1.4	1.25	3.2	2.65	3.25	2	9.5	1.5
64	BBL	TEX	LAA	2.1	1.75	2.75	1.65	2	—	—	—
65	BBL	SD	LAD	2.2	1.8	2.8	1.6	1.9	—	—	—
84	SCR	BLA	ASV	—	3.8	3	1.8	—	—	—	—
85	SCR	NCU	CHE	—	9.9	6	1.1	—	—	—	—
86	SCR	UDI	BLG	—	2.7	2.8	2.4	—	—	—	—
87	SCR	RMA	BRE	—	2	3	3.2	—	—	—	—
88	SCR	SMP	CAG	—	2.7	2.8	2.4	—	—	—	—
89	SCR	CESE	CAT	—	3.4	3	1.9	—	—	—	—
90	SCR	FIO	GENO	—	3.2	3	2	—	—	—	—
91	SCR	BARI	INT	—	7	4.25	1.3	—	—	—	—
92	SCR	MLN	LAZ	—	2	3	3.2	—	—	—	—
93	SCR	CHV	NAP	—	5	3.6	1.5	—	—	—	—
94	SCR	PAR	LEC	—	2.7	2.8	2.4	—	—	—	—
95	SCR	MNC	WBR	—	1.7	3.2	4	—	—	—	—

In the event of any discrepancy between this information and odds available from OLG, the latter shall prevail.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Columbus	25	13	7	5	33	27	44
New York	25	13	8	4	32	27	41
Toronto FC	25	8	10	7	24	28	31
Kansas City	23	8	9	6	24	24	30
Chicago	23	6	9	8	28	31	26
New England	24	7	14	3	24	41	24
Philadelphia	24	6	12	6	27	39	24
D.C.	25	5	17	3	17	39	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	25	15	5	5	38	19	50
Real Salt Lake	25	13	4	8	38	16	47
FC Dallas	24	11	2	11	31	19	44
Colorado	24	10	7	7	32	24	37
San Jose	23	10	7	6	25	23	36
Seattle	25	10	9	6	30	29	36
Chivas USA	24	7	13	4	25	31	25
Houston	24	6	13	5	29	40	23

Tonight's game
(All times Eastern)
New England at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Friday's game
New York at Los Angeles, 11 p.m.
Saturday's games
Chivas USA at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.
Houston at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Columbus at New England, 7:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at Kansas City, 8 p.m.
Seattle FC at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.

ENGLAND

LEAGUE CUP

Third Round
Yesterday's results
Birmingham 3 MK Dons 1
Brentford 1 Everton 1 (Brentford advances 4-3 on penalties)
Burnley 1 Bolton 0
Millwall 1 Ipswich 2
Peterborough 1 Swansea 3
Portsmouth 1 Leicester 2
Stoke 2 Fulham 0
Sunderland 1 West Ham 2
Tottenham 1 Arsenal 4
Wolverhampton 4 Notts County 2

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Yesterday's results
Osasuna 3 Real Sociedad 1
Athletic Bilbao 3 Mallorca 0
Real Madrid 3, Espanyol 0

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	29	20
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	37	24
New England	1	1	0	.500	52	52
Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	17	49

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	64	51
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	37	55
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	49	32
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	62	48

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	1.000	34	20
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	39	48
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	20	24
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	28	33

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	37	28
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	52	34
Denver	1	1	0	.500	48	38
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	29	52

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	1	0	.500	40	37
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	45	56
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	55	59
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	27	40

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	37	21
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	39	31
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	50	22
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	25	51

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	46	34
Green Bay	2	0	0	1.000	61	27
Detroit	0	2	0	.000	46	54
Minnesota	0	2	0	.000	19	28

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	1	1	0	.500	45	37
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	24	54
San Francisco	0	2	0	.000	28	56
St. Louis	0	2	0	.000	27	33

WEEK TWO
Monday's result
New Orleans 25 San Francisco 22
WEEK THREE
Sunday's games
Dallas at Houston, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Carolina, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Washington at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.
Oakland at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 27
Green Bay at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

CFL

WEEK 13

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Montreal	11	8	3	0	344	250	16
Hamilton	11	6	5	0	270	286	12
Toronto	11	6	5	0	237	293	12
Winnipeg	11	3	8	0	291	290	6

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Calgary	11	9	2	0	396	245	18
Saskatchewan	11	7	4	0	321	304	14
B.C.	11	3	8	0	276	295	6
Edmonton	11	2	9	0	200	372	4

Friday's game
(All times Eastern)
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
Saskatchewan at Hamilton, 6:30 p.m.
B.C. at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Edmonton vs. Toronto (at Moncton, N.B.), 12 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Signed a two-year player development contract with Kane County (MWL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed a two-year player development contract with Las Vegas (PCL).
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Released INF Felipe Lopez unconditionally.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed INF Jerry Hairston Jr. on the 15-day DL. Named A.J. Hinch as vice president of professional scouting.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Signed a two-year player development contract with Auburn (NYP).

FOOTBALL

NFL

LEAGUE OFFICE—Fined Baltimore coach John Harbaugh $15,000 for impermissible verbal and physical contact with an official during Sunday's game against Cincinnati. Fined N.Y. Giants RB Brandon Jacobs $10,000 for tossing his helmet into the stands during Sunday's game against Indianapolis. Suspended Houston OT Duane Brown four games for violating the NFL's policy on performance-enhancing drugs.
ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed LB Alex Hall. Released LB Cyril Oboizor. Released LB Curtis Gatewood from their practice squad.
ATLANTA FALCONS—Placed RB Jerious Norwood on injured reserve. Signed RB Gartrell Johnson III to the active roster and RB Shawnbrey McNeal to the practice squad. Released LB Bear Woods from the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed RB Andre Anderson to their practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed LB Kaluka Maiava on injured reserve. Re-signed LB Titus Brown from Denver's practice squad.
DENVER BRONCOS—Waived RB Lance Ball. Re-signed RB Andre Brown.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed QB Todd Bouman. Placed QB Luke McCown on injured reserve.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed RB Joique Bell from Buffalo's practice squad. Released WR Hank Baskett. Released S Chip Vaughn and RB Martell Mallett from their practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Released RB Larry Johnson.

HOCKEY

NHL

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Sent F Ian McKenzie, G Chris Carozzi, and G Ed Pasquale to Chicago (AHL). Returned D Ben Chiarot to Sudbury (OHL), D Sebastian Owuya to Medicine Hat (WHL) and D Cody Sol to Saginaw (OHL).
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned F Rob Flick, F Byron Froese, F Mirko Hoefflin, F Phillipe Paradis and G Kent Simpson to their junior clubs. Assigned G Joe Palmer to Rockford (AHL). Released F Steele Boomer and D Dallas Jackson.
COLORADO AVALANCHE—Returned C Joey Hishon to Owen Sound (OHL).
NEW YORK ISLANDERS—Signed LW Nino Niederreiter to a three-year contract.
OTTAWA SENATORS—Reassigned LW Jakub Culek to Rimouski (QMJHL) and RW Mark Stone to Brandon (WHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Signed G J.P. Anderson, F Curt Gogol and F Michael Sgarbossa.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Signed D Tom Poti to a two-year contract and G Brandon Anderson to a three-year contract.

AHL

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS—Named Kelli Bytwork community relations and corporate sales assistant.

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The trail up the hill is rocks, and the drop down is so steep that only the seatbelt keeps me from falling into the windshield. Naturally, the redesigned 2011 Grand Cherokee takes it in stride, along with improvements for a smooth asphalt ride as well.

It uses a Mercedes-Benz platform, has a selectable terrain mode similar to Land Rover's, and throws in Chrysler's newfound attention to interior quality.

It starts at $37,995 for the base Laredo E, followed by Laredo X at $42,995, Limited at $46,995 and Overland at $49,995. The trim levels are differentiated both by features and off-road capability.

The 5.7-litre Hemi V8 is unchanged, but the previous 3.7-litre V6 is replaced with Chrysler's all-new 3.6-litre V6. It provides 80 more horsepower, but with an improvement in fuel economy.

Grand Cherokee offers three 4x4 different systems. The base Quadra-Trac I, standard on the Laredo models, is full-time four-wheel. Quadra-Trac II is optional on Laredo X, and standard on Limited and Overland; it adds low range and can send all engine power to the front or rear axle.

Quadra-Drive II, optional on all but the base model, is similar but adds an electronic limited-slip differential that sends full power to a single wheel if the other three are helplessly spinning.

The interior design doesn't break any new ground – I like the simple, big-buttoned centre stack, but some might find it too austere — but it's light-years ahead of its predecessor in materials and finish. The previously cramped rear seats are now fine for six-footers, and the cargo area is larger, including two nifty removable storage bins tucked around the spare tire, and flat-folding rear chairs. All models features dual-zone a/c, power driver's seat, pushbutton start and active front head restraints.

The specs

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More choices for Durango

Dodge is expanding its presence in the crossover segment with the all new 2011 Dodge Durango.

The Durango is a three-row vehicle spacious enough to carry the entire crew and performance-tuned to thrill anyone who truly loves to drive. Durango will lead the Dodge brand's new product onslaught for 2011.

From its sleek exterior design to its modern, spacious interior, and intelligent, fuel-efficient and powerful powertrain options, the 2011 Dodge Durango is all new from the inside out.

And the changes are more than skin deep. The Durango's stiffened unibody structure is engineered with the driving enthusiast in mind. The end result is a vehicle that delivers premium driving performance combined with SUV capability and crossover versatility.

The all-new Durango features two engine options: the standard fuel-efficient and powerful 3.6-litre 24-valve Pentastar V6 engine and the available 5.7-litre Hemi V8 engine with fuel-saving, Multi-displacement system (MDS) four-cylinder mode.

Both engines feature variable-valve timing (VVT) and come standard with all-wheel drive.

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In brief

Iconic car show Top Gear has been rocked by a scandal surrounding mystery driver The Stig. The driver who races cars anonymously on the show has revealed his identity in a new book, which contravenes his contract with the BBC.

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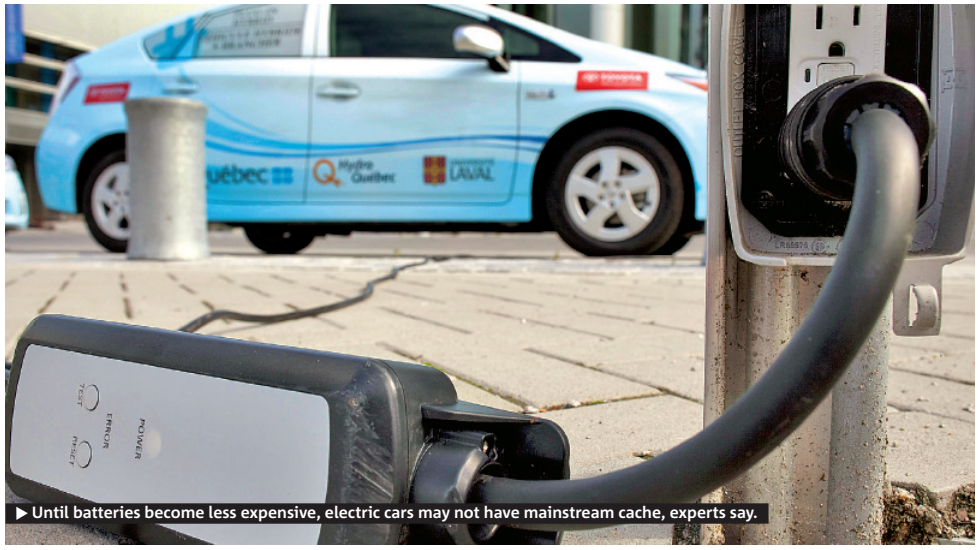
Batteries need to get cheaper, Magna president says ◗ Auto parts giants developing e-car systems



▶ Until batteries become less expensive, electric cars may not have mainstream cache, experts say.

Cost is still the major factor dissuading consumers from buying electric vehicles, and until producers can find a cheaper battery — or until gasoline prices soar — zero-emission vehicles will remain a niche market, industry players say.

"When electric vehicles have similar range performance and costs to an internal combustion engine ... then there will be a tipping point where we can get to the mainstream consumer, and people will switch in high volume to hybrids and electric vehicles," Dave Pascoe, vice-president of Magna International's E-Car Systems division, said this week.

But for the time being, Pascoe estimated that gas prices would need to top US$5 a gallon — about C$1.36 per litre — for hybrid vehicles to appeal to the average driver.

At this price, it would take about three years for the consumer to offset the higher cost of the vehicle with savings on gasoline. At today's gas prices — about C$1 per litre — it will take closer to six years, Pascoe said.

Speaking at a panel discussion on electric vehicles Monday in Toronto, Pascoe said many problems with the new technology have been eliminated in recent years, but batteries still remain prohibitively expensive.

"Life (of the battery) has gotten better, range has gotten better, but cost has not really gotten better," Pascoe said.

"At today's prices electric vehicles won't go big, but costs are coming down so there's hope for the future."

Electric vehicles are a growing part of Magna's business, especially since founder and chairman Frank Stronach took control of Magna E-Car Systems as part of a recent deal that will see him receive more than $1 billion to give up his voting control of the company.

Magna announced Monday that it is opening a new hybrid — and electric-vehicle system development centre, including a battery testing facility, in Auburn Hills, Mich.

The electric vehicle division of the Canadian auto parts giant is already working on several programs, including a joint venture to create an electric version of the Ford Focus.

Pascoe said Magna E-Car Systems has "at least one other award" in the works, but wouldn't give any details. Recent reports said the company is in talks with Japan's GS Yuasa Corp. to produce batteries for electric cars in Europe.

"We'll be working with strategic partners and we do have strategic partners, drawing from their technology and also doing some internal development of our own," Pascoe said in an interview following the panel discussion.

"Batteries are the key to making it work, so that's where our biggest focus is."

Specifically, Magna is looking at developing lower-cost and higher-performance batteries for hybrids and purely electric vehicles, he said.

Electric vehicles can be powered by hydrogen fuel cells, lithium-ion batteries and other technologies like nickel-cadmium batteries.

The company is also focusing on increasing volumes by providing common components to multiple customers.

"If we bring the volume up, we'll be able to deal with the cost issue, because it is a very big issue for us and our customers," Pascoe said.

Sarwant Singh, vice-president of Frost and Sullivan's global automotive practice, said hybrid and purely electric vehicles are forecast to account for seven to 12 per cent of all cars produced globally by 2020. He expects 47 different automakers to launch a total of 75 electric models by 2015, with 35 of those coming from Chinese manufacturers.

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Cruze hatchback visits Paris

A show car version of Chevrolet's Cruze five-door hatchback compact contender was recently seen for the first time at the Paris Motor Show.

It was one of four world Chevrolet premieres at the show.

With the introduction of the new Cruze hatchback, customers have an alternative body style to the traditional sedan and Chevrolet has raised the bar again with a vehicle that brings new levels of value against some of the more established competition.

Since its European launch in the spring of 2009, the Chevrolet Cruze sedan has been warmly welcomed by markets all over the world, greeted as a step change for the brand with customers attracted to its coupe style, build quality, five-star NCAP rating and driving dynamics.

Outside of Europe, Cruze's sales momentum is equally evident.

In China alone, Chevrolet has sold nearly 90,000 Cruze since the start of the year, while the saloon is also selling well in Russia, parts of South America, and in India and other emerging markets.

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SUV? Hatch? It's a Matrix

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The Toyota Matrix is a tall hatchback with a small SUV look and stance that benefits owners by perching them up high in the car and providing a commanding forward view. Sharp and youthful to a higher level than its over-achieving and under-styled brother, the Corolla, Matrix makes the most sense to most people coming from a wide range of lifestyles.

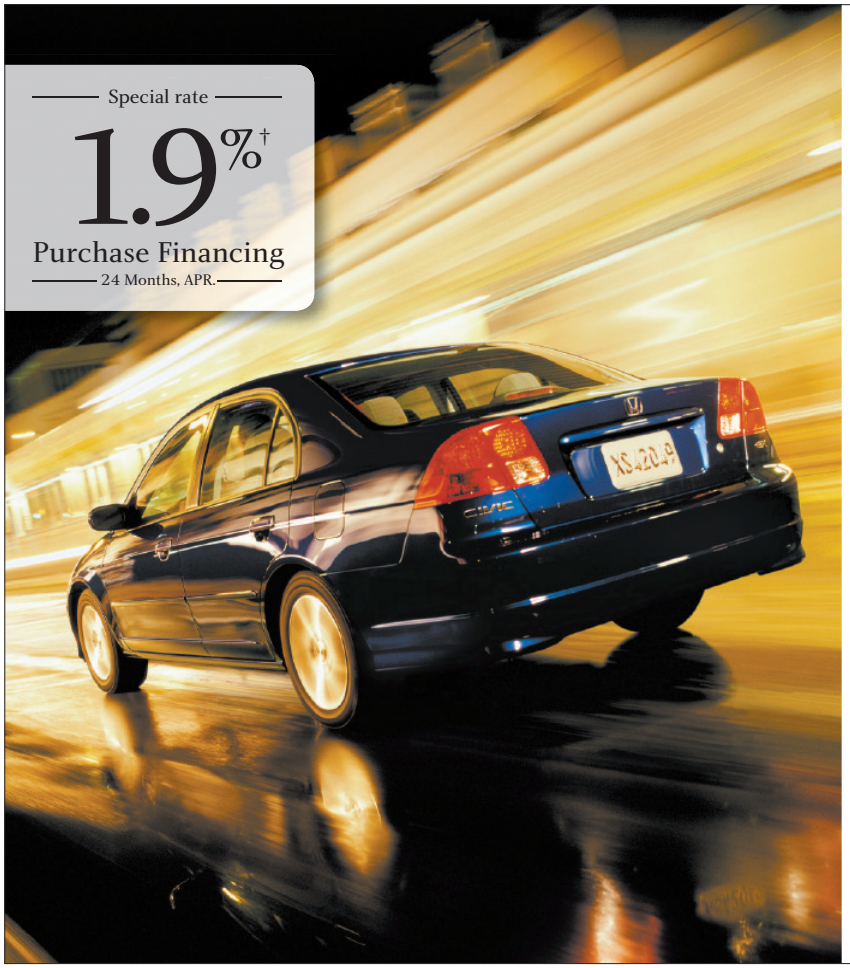
Available in front or all wheel drive (AWD), the Matrix could also be fitted with numerous features and options to suit a wide variety of needs. With 428 litres of cargo space, it offered one of the largest interiors in its class, too. A wide variety of dealer-installed and aftermarket accessories are available, too.

Power came from a high-revving 1.8 liter four-cylinder unit with up to 180 horsepower in Matrix XRS models, though power output figures were reduced as time passed.

What Owners Like:
Dependability, adaptability, flexibility and a fun-to-drive attitude are highly rated by Matrix owners, as is its relatively decent fuel consumption, and winter-time traction in models equipped with the AWD system.

What Owners Hate:
Common gripes include a lousy factory stereo system, squeaks and rattles as the Matrix ages, excessive wind noise and some low-budget interior parts.

Common Issues:
On a test drive, be sure to watch for a check engine light, which could indicate a number of problems including an emissions control fault or a bad oxygen sensor. Be sure to note the engine's idling as well.



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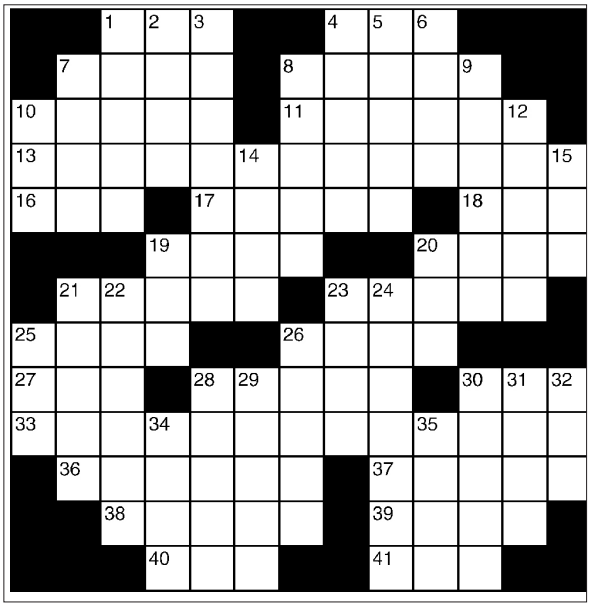

Across

1 Lobbyists' org.
4 Couric's network
7 FDR's dog
8 Mountain nymph
10 Warble
11 Prop for Bugs Bunny
13 AARP member, probably
16 Favorite
17 Coarse
18 Away from WSW
19 Taleteller
20 Initial stake
21 Word before "beware!"
23 "Be quiet!"
25 Additional
26 Semi-fortnight
27 Khan title
28 Miss America's topper
30 Scarlet
33 Less experienced team
36 Soda-shop treat
37 From that moment on
38 Sings like Ella
39 Egyptian cross
40 Sailor's response
41 What 40-Across means

Down

1 Emulate Van Gogh
2 "— Ask of You"
3 Heat unit
4 Talk-show host Fergu-son
5 Pullman compartment
6 Delhi dress
7 Price-less?
8 Happen
9 Donut-shop purchases
10 Recipe meas.
12 First extra inning
14 Bellow
15 Born
19 Caustic solution
20 Diving bird
21 Counter-feit
22 Seventh planet
23 Antitoxins
24 Usually inadmissible testimony
25 Army rank (Abbr.)
26 "For amber — of grain"
28 Now
29 Angry
30 Skating venues
31 Engrave
32 Color Easter eggs
34 Bygone Peruvian
35 Trigonometry function

▶ Yesterday's answer

S	C	A	T		M	E	W		D	A	T	A
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Sudoku

		4	1			8	6	
3						7		4
	7			9				3
	4				5	3		
			8		9			
		3	4				2	
2				5			1	
7		6						8
	5	9			1	2		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

6	3	7	9	4	8	5	1	2
8	2	1	7	3	5	9	6	4
9	5	4	6	2	1	7	3	8
3	9	5	8	1	2	6	4	7
2	1	6	4	5	7	8	9	3
4	7	8	3	9	6	2	5	1
1	8	3	5	7	9	4	2	6
5	6	2	1	8	4	3	7	9
7	4	9	2	6	3	1	8	5

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shnuggle
bunny Im sorry.I over reacted as always. I love you.
XOXO,YOUR MUFFIN

Hey Stacey,
The day has come when I can say, Lordy, lordy, you finally turned forty!!!
Miss you and love you lots.
LOVE YOUR SISTER, VICKI

My lil Chipmunk,
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Give a little today and you will get a lot in return tomorrow when the Sun moves into your opposite sign. The theme for the next few weeks is Partnership.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Most of the risks you took in recent weeks – and you took plenty – paid off in the end but the Sun's imminent change of signs means you will have to be a bit more cautious over the next few weeks.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You've had your fill of dancing to other people's tunes – now you intend to dance to your own and, yes, that's party talk.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 The Sun's move into the domestic area of your chart tomorrow will bring into focus your relationships with the people you are closest to emotionally.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You will feel more confident about your position and your prospects, both at work and in your private life, when the Sun changes signs tomorrow.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 With both the Sun and Mercury transiting your sign you've had more than your share of great ideas – but what are you going to do with them all?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There were no doubt numerous occasions in recent weeks when you wish you had been more adventurous, but never mind. A new solar year is about to begin

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You are about to embark on the final phase of your personal solar year – the four-week period when the Sun moves through the most sensitive area of your chart.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 One particular aim or ambition no longer seems worth the time or the effort and you are seriously thinking about giving up on it. Don't be too hasty.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 There is one thing you are really good at, one thing that marks you out from the crowd. Make that one thing the center of your working life over the next four weeks or so

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You've waited a long time for your opportunity to shine and you don't intend to waste it. The Sun in Libra as from tomorrow will open all sorts of doors to all sorts of magical worlds.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Hopefully you have dealt with a relationship issue that was holding you back, because in a matter of days, if not hours, your new rapport will be put to the test. Emotionally and financially you'll do great things together.

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Punta Cana 7 Nights 5-Star	from $797 + taxes & fees $322

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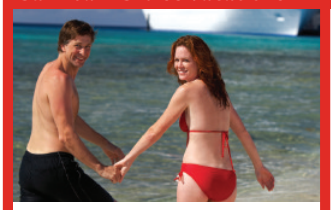

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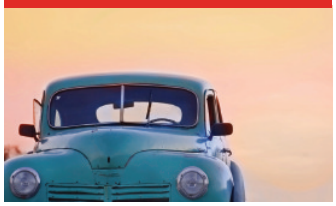

Havana
Air + 7 Nights
from **$395**
+ taxes & fees $216

INCLUDES transfers and central accom.

London Air + 6 Nights — from $697 + taxes & fees $474

INCLUDES central accom with breakfast.

Buenos Aires
Air + First 6 Nights — from $1359 + taxes & fees $267

INCLUDES accom in the heart of downtown Buenos Aires. **BONUS** buffet breakfast daily and free internet.

Australia Melbourne Cup
Air + 8 Nights 3-Star — from $1549 + taxes & fees $409

INCLUDES all air, 4 nights Melbourne accom & 4 nights Sydney accom. **ADD** additional stop in Brisbane from $150.

Asia Vacations

Thailand
Air + 10 Nights
from **$1429**
+ taxes & fees $271

INCLUDES 2 nights Bangkok accom, inter Thailand flights, and 8 nights 4-star Koh Samui accom.

Vietnam 15-Day Tour — from $1225 taxes & fees included

HIGHLIGHTS Hanoi, water puppet show, sail Ha Long Bay, ride the Reunification Express, Hue, Perfume River cruise, Hoi An, Nha Trang, Mekong Delta and Ho Chi Minh City.

Bali Air + 8 Nights — from $1259 + taxes & fees $209

INCLUDES 8 nights 4-star Nusa Dua accom with buffet breakfast. **ADD** Jungle Trekking from $56.

Malaysia & Borneo
Air + 8 Nights — from $1619 + taxes & fees $264

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Canada Vacations

Whistler
Annual Turkey Sale, 2 Nights
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INCLUDES accom in the village during the annual Turkey Sale for ski and snowboard equipment.

Calgary Air + 3 Nights — from $389 + taxes & fees $119

INCLUDES accom in the heart of downtown Calgary.

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Air + 3 Nights 4-Star — from $529 + taxes & fees $178

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San Francisco Thanksgiving
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Phoenix Air + 3 Nights — from $489 + taxes & fees $120

INCLUDES resort-style accom close to golf and shopping.

Honolulu Air + 7 Nights — from $629 + taxes & fees $111

INCLUDES Waikiki accom. **ADD** surf school group lesson from $92.

Orlando Halloween Family Special
Air + 7 Nights + Tickets — from $629◊ + taxes & fees $128

INCLUDES accom with shuttle to local theme parks. Price is based on a family of 4. **ADD** 2-day Universal Studios Park to Park with Halloween Horror Nights included (minimum age of 10yrs) for $204. **BOOK** this package based on double occupany for $548 plus taxes.

Miami Air + 6 Nights — from $699 + taxes & fees $166

INCLUDES accom in the heart of Miami Beach. **ADD** Key West day trip from $107.

New Orleans Halloween Special
Air + 5 Nights — from $789 + taxes & fees $122

INCLUDES 4-Star accom steps from the French Quarter over Halloween weekend. **ADD** Ghosts & Spirits walking tour from $24.

New York Thanksgiving
Air + 3 Nights — from $849 + taxes & fees $130

INCLUDES Manhattan accom.

Family Special

Anaheim
Family Special, Air + 4 Nights
from **$319**◊
+ taxes & fees $110

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